

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 719

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ben and Jennifer Moore of Dresden upon being named the 2012 National Young Farmer Achievement Winners by the American Farm Bureau Convention.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy people who evince acumen and ingenuity in all their chosen endeavors are Ben and Jennifer Moore of Dresden; and

WHEREAS, for their exceptional accomplishments in the agricultural and livestock industries, Ben and Jennifer Moore were named the 2012 National Young Farmer Achievement Winners by the American Farm Bureau Convention; and

WHEREAS, winners of this esteemed honor are judged on their farm operation and growth in the operation since they started farming, financial progress of the operation, Farm Bureau Leadership, and leadership in other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the top ten contestants have an extensive interview about their operation, financial position, and the profitability of their farming operations, as the National Winners, the Moores received a 2012 GMC Sierra pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, Ben and Jennifer Moore are graduates of the University of Tennessee at Martin with degrees in agriculture and, while in college, Ben was elected the Collegiate Future Farmers of America (FFA) President and the Vice Noble Ruler of Alumni Relations for Alpha Gamma Rho; and

WHEREAS, they farm 1,700 acres consisting of 676 acres of corn and 973 acres of soybeans; they produce hay, beef cattle, and have a 1,200-head contract swine facility; they

raise pumpkins and strawberries for direct market at the farm and Jennifer manages a 6,000 sow farrow-to-wean breeding herd facility for a private owner; and

WHEREAS, Ben and Jennifer have served as active members of their local 4-H clubs and FFA chapter; Ben was the chapter FFA President from 1994-95 and went on to serve as the Tennessee FFA President from 1995-96; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting the ambitious and tenacious spirit of true Tennesseans, the Moores have both been involved in the Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) program since 1998; Ben was elected to the YF&R State Committee for three years, serving as the 2008 Tennessee Young Farmer Chairman; he also served on the Tennessee Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and he is a 2011 graduate of the American Farm Bureau's Partners in Agricultural Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Moore serve on the Weakley County Farm Bureau Board of Directors; Ben is the Secretary-Treasurer and Jennifer serves on the Farm Bureau Women's Committee and organizes the annual Farm City Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, they also serve on the Farm Tour Day Committee for all fourth grade students in Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, Ben Moore is the President of the Tennessee Soybean Association, a member of his local Farm Credit Advisory Board and the 4th Farm Credit District Nominating Committee, and he is a graduate of the 2002 West Tennessee Ag Star Leadership program and serves as a speaker for the Ag Star class; and

WHEREAS, he also serves on the Tennessee Farm Bureau National Affairs Committee, the Small Grains Committee, and the American Farm Bureau Grain Commodities Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Moore is a founding member of the County Backpack program, which provides food to school children whose families are in need; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Moore has been a featured speaker at many county, state, and national Farm Bureau events, including the 5 District Legislative Kickoff Meetings in 1998 and the President's Conference in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Moore are also active in their church's Sunday School and youth programs; and

WHEREAS, their numerous accomplishments aside, the Moores are also deeply devoted to their family and they always endeavor to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, they are most proud of the love and companionship they share with each other and their three sons, Miller, Tyler, and Tate; and

WHEREAS, for their many contributions to local business and agriculture, Ben and Jennifer Moore greatly deserve the prestigious honor of being named National Winners and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ben and Jennifer Moore upon being named the 2012 National Young Farmer Achievement Winners by the American Farm Bureau Convention, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.